

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Security arrangement at JNPT, Mumbai

1819. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that JNPT has a private security arrangement;

(b) whether it is also a fact that container breaking incidents has increased during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that crores of rupees were found in the container at JNPT; and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In the recent past, no container breaking incident inside the Port has been reported.

(c) and (d) In Container Freight Station run by Central Warehousing Corporation at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence have confiscated some containers, wherefrom some currency note have been recovered. The checking and inspection of the all cargoes and container moving in and out of the country through any Port is carried out by the Customs Department.

Extension of NH-16

1820. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Border Road Organisation (BRO) has been entrusted the extending work of the NH-16 from Nizamabad in Andhra Pradesh to Jagdalpur in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, upto which stage the extension of this road has been done so far; and

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(c) how much budget is allocated for the purpose and how much time will be taken to complete the task?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) 51.20 Kilometer of this National Highway which is in Maharashtra and 204 Kilometer falling in Madhya Pradesh have been entrusted to Border Roads Organisation.

(b) The work for widening has just commenced in January, 2000. The works costing Rs. 2.02 crore were completed during 1999-2000.

(c) Budget allocated during the year 1999-2000 was Rs. 2.02 crore and allocation for the year 2000-2001 is Rs. 24.82 crore. The work is scheduled for completion by 2012.

Special training to Drivers

1821. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 60,000 people are killed every year in road accidents in the country;

(b) if so, what are the estimates of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that four wheeler vehicles play major role in these accidents;

(d) if so, whether Government have made any arrangements to provide special training to the four wheeler vehicle drivers; and

(e) if so, the details of the present arrangements in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The figures of fatal accidents are based on the statistics made available by the State Governments. It has been reported by them that four wheelers are one of the major causes of such accidents.

(d) and (e) The Government of India has a Two Day Refresher Training to Heavy Vehicle Drivers in Unorganised Sector which is implemented through Non-Governmental Organisations and Driver Training Institutes. During last two years Rs. 19.25 lakhs has been given grants-in-aid to them.